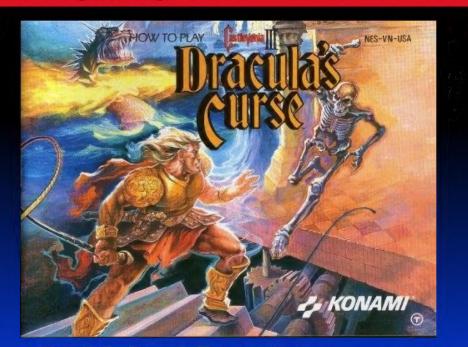
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IT'S A CURSED WORLD WE LIVE IN (THANKS TO DRAC!)

The time is 100 years before Simon Belmont's birth. The moon burns red overhead and black clouds loom large on the horizon. All is still and quiet. Only the call of a distant crow stirs the cold night air. Suddenly, thunder roars out of the Morbid Mountains and into the village of Warakiya. Like the yell of an angry giant, the terrible sound shakes homes and shops as

if they were sapling branches.

But no one blinks an eye. The village is dead calm. For all the people have fled after receiving warnings from the Great Beyond that Count Dracula has assembled a mighty army of evil, and they're poised to march up from the Valley of Graveyards to bury mankind in a Tomb of Terror. Unfortunately, there's no corner on Earth that won't be gobbled up by this bloodthirsty legion of Swamp Dragons, Slasher Skeletons and Forces of the Lindead.

The last line of defense is you, Trevor Belmont — the forefather of Simon Belmont and the origin of the Belmont Warlord Chromosomes. But your chances are slimmer than Jim. In fact, the only real edge you have over this fang sharpened freak is your power to transform into three different partner spirits: Grant DaNasty, the ferocious Ghost Pirate. Sypha, the Mystic Warlord. And Alucard, Dracula's forgotten son. Each of these spirits will confront you as you fight through 17 possible levels of never-ending fright, including the Haunted Ship of Fools, the Clock Tower of Untimely

Death and Curse Castle. You must also possess the strength to wield the mighty Battle Axe and Mystic Whip, which were given to you by the Poltergeist King.

So go forth young Trevor into the cold black night, where death lurks around every comer and evil lingers on every stone. And remember, if your courage and cunning are any less than magnificent or if you fail to choose the correct Paths of Fate, you'll be banished to the world of the undead, and zombies will rule until the end of time.



HOW TO PLAY IN THE GRAVEYARD

The adventure revolves around tough-as-nails Trevor Belmont. As Trevor, you will find several locations throughout your journey where the road forks [sony, no spoons] in two directions. On these Paths of Fate you must make a choice — Which way do you go?

The spirits and the enemies you encounter, and your fate itself, will be determined by the path you choose. So try and remember your Cub Scout Days and give it your best shot. You will encounter three different spirits throughout the game, each with special talents that can be used according to the situation at hand. Each spirit is waiting for Trevor in a different place, so keep your eyes peeled at all times.

When you finally meet a spirit, he will join you in your quest to crush the Count. (See page 13 for details on how to transform into partner spirits.)

Clearing a Level of Terror

Depending on the Paths of Fate you choose, you will trudge through a variety of Terror Levels, including the Murky Marsh of Morbid Morors and the Sunken City of Poltergeists. To successfully clear a Terror Level, you must defeat that levels. Ultimate Evil and then grasp the Ball of Light to replenish your Life Gauge. Remember, there are a total of 17 gruesome levels waiting to bury you alive!

Trevor's Life Stock

You're given three fives at the start of the game. When all three lives are vanquished by villains from the Great Beyond, the game is over, and vampires will have free reign over the world. NOTE: This vanquishing will occur each time your Life Gauge dwindles to zero. Also, when you have transformed into a partner split, you both will share the same Life Gauge.

Countdown to Your Last Gasp

There is a time limit for each Terror Level. If the time runs out before you finish a level, Trevor will lose one of his precious lives.

Boosting Your Power and Your Confidence

To boost your power, grab the item that appears after you have blown out a candle or lantern, or after you have defeated an evil enemy.

HOW TO STIR UP THE DEAD

Read through the complete message, then press the Start Button and the title screen with the words OPENING and PASSWORD will appear. Use the Select Button to choose one of these messages, then press the Start Button to enter your selection.

If you are playing for the first time or want to start from the beginning of the game, select

OPENING. A screen will appear for you to enter your name.

To enter your name use the Control Pad to line-up the cursor with the letters in your name. Press the A Button to enter each of the letters. Press the B Button to cancel a letter if you goof, You can also replace or change letters by moving the cursor to the Arrow Symbol on the Letter Sheet and then pressing the A Button to move the cursor on the Name Window. Next, use the Control Pad and the A Button to make your changes. Conclude the name entry stage by selecting "End" and pressing either the A Button or the Start Button.

If you are continuing a previous game select PASSWORD. The name screen will appear for you to enter your name just as you did for the previous game. You must enter the identical name as the last time you played or the password won't work. When the password screen appears, enter the password that you received in the previous game. Now you're ready to begin playing from the beginning of the Terror Level where you last finished. (For more details, see Password Instructions

on page 10.1

When the Game Ends

When the game is over, you can continue your war against Drac by choosing CONTINUE with the Select Button. This allows you to start the game again from the Terror Level where Trevor last perished.

To end the game, choose PASSWORD with the Select Button. Next, press the Start Button and your password will appear. Be sure to write your password down for safekeeping.

Turning the Spooky Sound Effects On and Off

Press both the A and B Buttons and the Start Button simultaneously when the title screen is displayed and the sound mode screen will appear. Here you can choose the eerie background music you want to listen to during your adventure.

Press the Control Pad Up or Down to select your background music (press Down to go forward and Up to go backward). Press the B Button and your favorite tune will begin playing. You can turn the music off by pressing the A Button. When you are through making your selection, press the Start Button to return to the fille screen.

MEET YOUR TEAM OF VAMPIRE HUNTERS



TREVOR C. BELMONT

Trevor is the infamous forefather of Simon Belmont — the mightly warritor who pulwerized Dracula in Castlevania* and again in Simon's Quest' Trevor has a number of oldie but goodle attack items that have been given to him by the Politergeist King. These include the Mystic Whip, Battle Axe, Banshee Boomerang, Dagger and Sacred Water, Trevor is also the master of special items, including a Pocket Watch, finishility Potion and the Rosany.



"SPIRIT" ALUCARD

As the son of Count Dracula, Alucard once tried to prevent Trevor from accomplishing his mission. However, he reached a point where he could no longer abide by his father's swifteness, and is now looking for a partner to help him put an end to his father's wicked plans. A resident of underground tunnets, Alucard attacks with a Ball of Destruction, which he can also fire in three directions (if he captures a special power booster). Alucard's primary strength, though, is his ability to turn himself into a bat. However, he cannot attack while he is airborne and will turn buck into a hundred from if his wings are clipped by an evil enemy.



"SPIRIT" GRANT DANASTY

Count Dracula used his sinister powers to turn this Pirate Captain into a ghost. And as one of Dracula's gruesome gang, he will attack you from the top of the Clock Tower of Untimely Death. However, if you can defeat this scoundrel, his spirit will join you. He's small, nimble and has a strong spring in his step, so he's shall be jump up onto walls or ceilings and stick to them like glue. Grant's primary attack weapons are an ave and a dagger. Another of his weapons is his skill to scurry along hidden routes not accessible to Trevot. Unfortunately, both his body and his ego bruse easily.

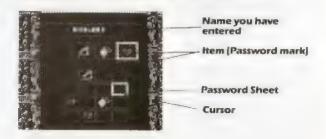


"SPIRIT" SYPHA BELNADES

Sypha, the Mystic Warlord of Warakiya, is also a varripre hunter with a walks quickly and carries a big stick. Rumors of his death were spread throughout Eastern Europe, but in truth he was captured by "Cyclops", the one-eyed Ultimate Evil. Sypha uses his Warakiya Staff to attack. Other attack favorites of his include falmes, frozen crystals and lightning bolts. With these, he can destroy evil enemies before they get close to him. However, his skin is very thin and blisters easily when blasted by grotesque enemy attacks. To score BIG, Sypha must attack before his enemies find him.

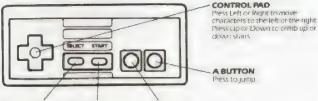
THE PASSWORD SCREEN [A MESSAGE FROM THE GREAT BEYOND]

Press the Select Button to call forth the password screen. Use the Control Pad to move the cursor around the Password Sheet. Press the BiButton to select your password items leach time you press the BiButton the cursor will move one place to the right! Enter your selection by pressing the A Button. When you have finished entering your password press the Start Button. If you make a mistake, press the Select Button to return to the name entry screen and start over



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HOW TO CONTROL YOUR TRANSYLVANIA TEAM



SELECT BUTTON

Press to select Of Continue Also press to transform. into a partner spint

START BUTTON

Press to begin the Opening, Password game and to pause the action during the game.

BBUTTON

Press to attack with your Main Weapon Assigness the Control Pad Up and the 8 Button simul tanes roly to attack with a Warakiya War Items unrently displayed at the Warakiya War Item Window

GUIDING GRANT

Press and hold the Control Pad toward the wall you want Grant to cling to Then press the Control Part is the direction you want him to move and he will climb like crazy NOTE. Depending on how hard you press the A Button, you can vary the height of Grant's leaps and bounds

ASSISTING ALUCARD

Press the Control Pad Down and the A Button simultaneously to transform Alucard into a winged rogent , for those of you who aren't Biology Wizzes, that means a Bat (Repeat this procedure to humanize him (

AN OVERVIEW OF TERROR (A GUIDE TO YOUR HUNTING GROUNDS)

License

When the time limit reaches zero, you will lose one of your lives

Score

If your since exceeds 20,000 points, you will get another life. From then on, you will gain a bonus life after every 50,000 points.

Thewor's/ Partner Spirit's Life Gauge Your file gauge decreases each time copbump into an ewillenmy or are hit by an evil enemy slattack weapon. When your ble Cauge mins out, you're history for should Long Youst?

Ultimate Evil's Life Gauge

Each time you successfully attack an Ultimate End his bife Gauge will decrease. When his gauge runs out, he is turnshed forever into the Land of Linds: Spirits

Heart Gauge

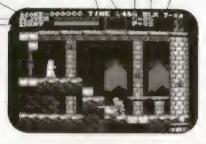
This will increase each time you capture a new heart However, it will decrease each time you use one of your Warekiya War Items

Warakiya War Item Window Warakiya War Items will appear in

this window

Remaining Lives

Terror



ADDING TO YOUR TEAM (SORT OF AN OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE)

At the start of the adventure your only player is Trevor C. Beimont. But as the game progresses, you willinest partner spirits who Trevor will be able to transform into at his will. The spirits who appear throughout the game will vary, depending on the Paths of Fate you choose. To transform into a partner spirit, press the Select Button.

THE PARTNER SPIRIT'S APPEARANCE

Spirits will appear but of thin air when you have successfully defeated the Ultimate Evilat the completion of a Terror Level. When a spirit enters the message screen will appear and the name of the griding trining the taxtile will be displayed. Excuser then choose whether or analyzo want this spirit for your tearmate. You cannonly have one partner spirit at a time. Byour already have a partner spirit and you meet a new spirit, you can choose either one and say 's spiritar's to the other.

CHOOSING YOUR FRIENDS WISELY

Press the Control Pad Up or Down to choose whether you want to form a team with a spirit. Then press the A Button to enter your decision.

GIFTS FROM THE POLTERGEIST MASTERS

These items may appear when you knockout/bxowout a candle or lantern, when you have clobbered certain eval enemies or when you destroy certain walls NCTE. The Pocket Watch, Invisibility Potion and Rosany will appear in the Warakiya War Item Window, and are used exactly like a Warakiya War Item.

The Heart of Stone

The number of hearts collected determines how many times you can use you? Warakiya War items and also how long Alouard can soar like a bat. The more hearts you possess, the better!

Leg of Werewolf

Capture these and restore slices of your life Gauge

Bonus Bag

Your store will increase when you grab one of these bags. The number of points varies according to the value of the bag' contents.

1-Up

This gives you a bonus life [a bx] plus?]





Double Trouble

This item allows you to fire a Warakiya War Item twice in a row NOTE Sypha and Alucard cannot use this item

Triple Threat

This allows you to fire a Warakiya War Item three times in a row NOTE Again, Sypha and Alucard cannot use this item

Pocket Watch

This item stops evil enemies dead in their tracks

Invisibility Potion

This makes you invisible (and, therefore, invulnerable) for a limited period of time.

Rosary

This gives you the power to destroy all the evil enemies on the screen in the blink of an eye

TREVOR C. BELMONT'S ATTACK METHODS

TREVOR'S MAIN WEAPON

Mystlc Whip

The Mystic Whip is Trever chain weapon It has three different power levels. By advancing a certain distance and capturing certain items, you can boost its power to a Chain Whip and then a L. . o _ n _ g Chain Whip (outh)

TREVOR'S WARAKIYA WAR ITEMS

These are weapoins Yrevor will find as he journeys down his Paths of Fate You can only possess one at a time. When you obtain a Warakiya War Item, I will appear in the Warakiya War Item Wandow and replace the one you previously had.

Battle Axe

The Battle Axe flies through the air along an arc. This is a very powerful item.

Dagger

The Dagger flies straight and last, but it is not very powerful.

Banshee Boomerang

The Banshee Boomerang flies straight through the air with the greatest of ease. When it reaches the end on its path, it will come flying back. Though it moves skiwly, the Banshee Boomerang is very powerful. (Banshee Fever. Catchrift)

Sacred Water

The Sacred Water flies along an arc until it crashes into the floor, where it spills out and begins to burn, baby burn



SYPHA BELNADE'S ATTACK METHODS



SYPHA'S MAIN WEAPON

Warakiya Staff

Syphaluses his Warakiya Staff to attack enemies. The power of the staff can never be increased.

SYPHA'S WARAKIYA WAR ITEMS

Flames

The flames are very powerful as they annihilate everything in their path



ON CONTRACTOR

Frozen Crystals

This trem lets you shoot frozen crystals in all directions to freeze your enemies for an instant While your enemies are quick-frozen, climb on top of them and destroy them with a blow from the staff.



Goodness Gracious Great Bolts of Lightning

The lightning bolt shoots zapping balls in three directions

GRANT DANASTY'S ATTACK METHODS

GRANT'S MAIN WEAPON



Dagger

Grant can use the dagger to stab his enemies or he can hurl it at them. When thrown the dagger fles to the right and left. When Grant is stuck to the wall he li hir/hit backwards, so be ready to duck, Chipik Likewise, when Grant is stuck in the ceiling, he throws it down.



Axe

The axe is a very powerful weapon that can be used if Grant is lucky enough to find it



ALUCARD'S ATTACK METHODS

ALUCARD'S MAIN WEAPON



Capture this to increase your fire power.

Alucard is a bat or if he shit by an enemy attack, he will immediately turn back into his human form and fall to the ground with a thud. [Dirs is definitely a "fly by night" attack method.)

Ball of Destruction

At first, this weapon can only be fired in one direction. However, you can boost the firepower to shoot in two or three directions. (You can't fire a short when you're at the top of the stairs).

Although Afucard cannot fire double or triple shots and has no special Warakiya War Items, he does have the power to transform into a bat and fly around forth the course.

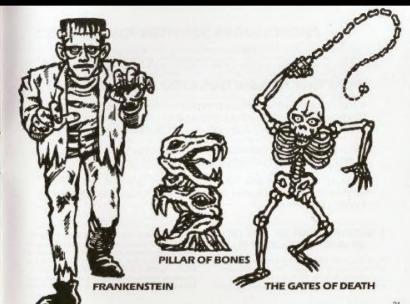
Each time he goes a batty' he uses up a certain number of heart marks while in flight if the supply of hearts runs out while



COUNT DRACULA'S CAST OF EVIL CHARACTERS

There are an unknown number of evil characters lying in wait in every part of this cursed adventure. Only a few of them have ever been seen by the human eye. The rest of the undead remain shrouded in a veil of mystery. A sample of these assorted evils include:





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